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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

An Abstract is enclosed on a separate sheet as follows:

A thumb splint comprises a thumb receiving section for receiving a thumb of a user, an index finger receiving section for receiving an index finger of a user, a non-extendable, flexible connector extending between and secured to the thumb receiving section and the index finger receiving section for limiting abduction of the thumb to a predetermined